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Greetings from the Roberts Carbon County Water & Sewer District,

Alarming reports are being recorded throughout the state that Governor Schweitzer has proposed to transfer TSEP funding into the state's General Fund. Attached you will find supporting documentation on why we believe that this is not only a move against a truly balanced state budget, but a direct attack to the town of Roberts and Carbon County.

The Roberts Carbon County Water & Sewer District (the District) has invested many financial resources into our current wastewater/water project, for the past two years. The wastewater project came about because of the real deficiencies identified by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, including a serious risk to public health. A major funding component of the project is the TSEP fund. As a matter of fact, our entire project has been outlined and developed according to the guidelines of the TSEP funding program. During the timeline of project development we have:

- ✓ Invested \$20,300 in cash for grant writing and project development services.
- ✓ Invested \$30,000 in cash for our portion of Preliminary Engineering Report services.
- ✓ Received \$35,000 in matching grant funds to bring the project to a fundable status.

We are confident that our combined investment of over \$85,000.00 has built a fundable TSEP project application. These figures are just our initial cash outlay. The collaborative human resources for this project are immense:

- ✓ 4 Community Public Meetings to identify rank and determine the need and scope for the project.
- ✓ 36 Board meetings, with late hours, to work to clearly define the project.
- ✓ Many County resources for legal advice, sponsorships, and open solicitation meetings.
- ✓ Resources of all the funding agencies, including TSEP, MAP, CDBG and DNRC (all state funded organizations) to train and direct our human resources in creating an acceptable funding application.

Should an immediate withdrawal of TSEP funding occur, it will take many years for our District to have enough funding to get to this point again. Should this occur, our community will be faced with some dire consequences, such as:

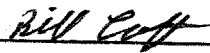
- ✓ Adjacent subdivision that was put on hold with the DEQ deficiencies that will not be able to proceed,
- ✓ The Carbon County Affordable Housing Plan will be deferred,
- ✓ Job loss will be immediate,
- ✓ And job creation will be stopped in an area where the low to moderate income level is at 71%!

While Montana's understand the responsibility of remaining as a state that has a balanced General Fund budget, we feel that this should be done with funding streams and service outlays that affect the General Fund directly, not legislative funds that have been created by the state for this specific purpose. The legislative foresight that created the TSEP fund understood the balance between the extraction of Montana Natural Resources and the funding of the aging infrastructure for all Montana's. The funds that we have responsibly expended on this project are non-refundable.

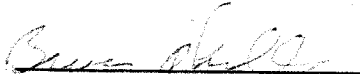
We expended our funds for this current project with the good faith of every member of our community for a state led program that was legislated to assist us with the large responsibility that infrastructure holds for each and every community in MT. The community of Roberts will not be able to afford this again for a very long time, and the risk to public safety will be greatly increased. We respectfully ask you to ensure the continued operation of the MDOC/TSEP program.

Sincerely,

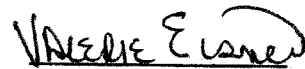
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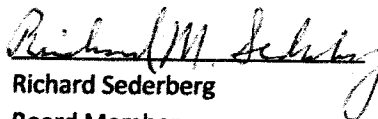
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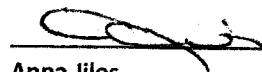
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